

Many letters are addressed to the editor bearing on history, literature and art. These will become valuable hereafter. It is quite impossible to answer the letters individually, as at least ten of them will bear on one point, as "What is the form of a dinner envitation?" "What answer should be given to an invitation to afternoon tea?" Therefore the general principles of all the questions can alone be reached, and that to

the best ability of the writer. When a new and puzzling point is made more attention is, of course, bestowed on that letter. Sometimes in order that several authorities may be consulted; some- trip to Boston and the coast, occupying a times that time for reflection be gained. Many questions are unanswerable, as authorities dif-fer. Some are flippant and impertinent, and naturally go into the waste basket. Most of them, however, discover a genuine desire to

"Young Irishman" writes: "Please put a branger in this country right on the following point: Is it necessary to answer an invitation to an afternoon tea?"
No, it is not. Either go or send your card.
"How should a printed invitation to a dance

be answered?"
"Mr. Patrick accepts with pleasure Mrs.
Brown's kind invitation for Thursday even-"How soon should a party call be made, and

"How soon should a party call be made, and how long should it last."

A call should be returned within a week, and it should never last over an hour. A half hour is better.

"Etiquette" asks: "In calling on a young lady in the evening, should the card be sent in if she is in the parlor?"

Yes, if you do not know her very well.

"Should the gloves, overcoat and hat be removed before going into the parlor?"

Decidedly.

IN BAD FORM. "B. Q. T.," a card written: "Compliments of

the Misses Jones, for Thursday evening, danc-ing, 8:30," is very bad form, ungrammatical and ungraceful. It should be: "The Misses Jones at home on Thursday evening, at 8:30. Daucing." Or "The Misses Jones present their compliments and request the pleasure of Mr. B. Q. T.'s company on Thursday evening. Dancing." Your answer would be: "Mr. B. Q. T. accepts with much pleasure the polite invitation of the

with much pleasure the polite invitation of the
Misses Jones," etc. The note should be directed "The Misses Jones,"
"Nym Othello" asks: "What would be the
proper address to a tirm which is composed of
both indies and gentlemen? Should it be similar to that of a firm composed entirely of men,
as Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.? Should I
say Dear Sirs?
No: you would address them Messieurs or
Messix.

No you would address them messions of Messrs.

I Second question: "Would it be etiquette for a young lady to shake hands with a gentleman whom she knows but slightly!"

Yes; in this country everyone shakes hands. "In giving a country party, should a young lady or her parents invite the guests."

The parents should always invite the guests. If a young man gives a party his mother or The parents should always and the superstanding of the parents should be such the invitations to ladies; that is, it is more usually done.

"E. F. N." asks if there is "any objection to a gentleman calling in full dress on a family in

nourning."
No certainly not. Full dress refers to the time of day, not to the condition of the family called upon. A gentleman should always be in full dress for an evening visit. "Twenty-six Years Old and Married" asks a Twenty-six Years Old and Married "asks a pathetic question: "I am in sore distress, and ask your advice. I have a very poor education, which I wish to improve without gring to public school. It would not be right for uce to go there, for I am 26 years old and married. Can you tell me how I could get instruction in reading witness, which is a constant of the property of the proper irg, writing, spelling and grammar? I have the entire day to myself and would like to de-vote it to these studies, but I have no money to

pay for private toition."

Could you not ask the wife of the clergyman of your parish to get up an evening school?

Doubtless many young ladies would be delighted to teach you. If you live in New York you could go to the Cooper Institute. ENGAGEMENT RINGS.

"Carl" asks: "Is any kind of a ring more ap-

propriate for an engagement ring than a soli-taire diamond? Should an engagement ring be engraved! Initials and date presumably, and to what extent?" A diamond solitaire is the favorite ring, and there is seldom more put inside than the ini-

tials and date, although you can add a posy if there is room.

"Common Sense:" "Please explain why con-veying food to the mouth with a knife is wrong?" wroug."

It is not wrong, it is simply vulgar and un-neal. It is not wrong, morally, to be a boor; but it is decidedly unpleasant for one's neigh-

bors.
"Quondam Friend" asks: "Will you kindly explain the etiquette of P.P.C. cards? My husband and I are about to leave a town in which we have lived for some time. Shall I will be a town and the standard or my visitwhich we have lived for some time. Shall I send cards only to those who are on my visiting list? How shall I send them? By post? Our town is a small one. Ought I to inclose my husband's card with my own? Ladies who have catled on me have not left their husband's cards. Shall I leave eards where I make a visit in person? Is it the correct thing to leave one's own card as well as two of one's husband if one is admitted and pays the visit in person? Is it proper to leave cards at an evening reception, and, if one does, is it necessary to call afterward?"

ward?"
To answer the last first: No. Never leave cards at an evening reception, but call after-ward. As to leaving cards, when paying a visit in person one card is enough. A card en-graved "Mr. and Mrs. Brown" is better for "P. P. C." if you are moving away, although in this country a lady's eard answers all purposes of etiquette. It is proper to send "P. P. C." cards by mail.

Knox" asks: "What should be the proper form for the calling card of a minister.

Rev. William Jones, D. D. Colonel George

Jackson? Also, is it proper for a titled person,
in issuing invitations to a reception, to style
himself Colonel, doctor, or whatever else the

title may be?!

Of convention Of course it is,

MORE CARD ETIQUETTE.

Several of the questions are on the subject of leaving a card at a 5 o'clock tea. It is proper to do so, and that is a call for the season. Several others are as to forms of invitation. They should be in the third person, stately, formal and clear, as: "Mrs. John Brown requests the pleasure of Mr. Horace Clayton's com pany at dinner, on Thursday, November 22, at 7:30 o'clock; 17 Madison street," And the answer should be: "Mr. Horace Clayton accepts, with pleasure, the polite invitation of Mrs. John Brown, for dinner, at 7:30 o'clock on

November 22."
"Ignorance" asks: "I have received at home cards from a friend who was married on the 21st of November. The card reads: 'At home Wednesday evenings in January.' Now, I do not wish to call, nor do I wish to be impolite.

What shall I do?"

What shall I do?"
Simply send your card,
"W. P. W." asks: "Is it proper to rise and
offer my seat in a growded car to a lady who
enters? And at church should I pass the plate for her collection,"

Yes she has of course a right to give her

Yes she has of course a houses. As to rising

money to charity if she chooses. As to rising and giving your seat, it is an American custom. It is a polite attention, not a duty, and if a man is very weary he ought not to be obliged to do it. So many questions are asked on the subject

so many questions are asked on the subject of mourning that it is best also to concentrate the answers. One lady asks howlong she should wear the veil "for a parent."

In England mourning for a father or mother lasts a year. During half the year dresses trimmed with crape are worn, with black tuile at the wrists and neck. A deep veil is worn at the lack of the hearst for air months. For a at the wrists and neck. A deep ven is worn as the back of the bonnet for six months. For a husband mourning is much deeper. It lasts is months; with the Queen it has lasted 25 years. For ill months the widow's can is worn, a crape bonnet and long ven and white culfs. Jet or-naments and diamonds set in black ename! one are proper.

Mourning for young children lasts six months.

An American is always shocked at the lightness and cheerfulness of French mourning.

mourning, six months of ordinary, six weeks of lilac and white. For a wife, a father or mother, six months is enough. Widowers are not expected to be as inconsolable as widows are. For a grandparent, two months and a half of slight mourning. For a brother or sister, two months. For an uncle or aunt, three weeks of ordinary black. The period of a mourner's retirement from the world has been very much shortened by the customs of France. In America, however, no formal visiting is allowed for a year, nor is there any gayety in the house. Cards and note paper are put into mourning by those who desire to express conventionally that they have lost a friend, but very broad black borders are ostentatious. In light mourning, jet or black silk was once mourning, but it is mourning.

used now for dress that it is doubtful if it is mourning.

The discarding of mourning should be done carefully and by gradations. It shocks persons of good tasfe to see a person who has had a great graef suddenly jump into colors as if they had been counting the hours. If black must be haid off left it be done gradually; let its retirement be slowly and gradually shaded off by quiet costume, as the feeling of grief, yielding to the kindly influence of time, is shaded off into resignation and cheerfulness. We do not forget our dead, but we mourn for them more patiently, with a feeling which no longer partakes of anguish.

regist our dead, but we mount for them more patiently, with a feeling which no longer partakes of anguish.

A deep mourning dress in a place of public anusement is an anomaly and should never be seen at a wedding. The common decencies of life should prevent a frivious person from engaging in anusements immediately after the death of a relative. But if a wedding is to be celebrated the mourning could be put off for that day.

M. E. W. Sherwood.

Cards are out for the first cotillon of the Enami Club, on February 8, at Odd Fellows Hall, Southside. Mrs. Haydon, wife of H. G. Haydon, Esq., of Wood street, will leave to-night on an Eastern

One of the pleasant events of the week in juvenile circles was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shaner, on Thursday evening, at their residence, on Fourth svenue, in honor of the tenth birthday of their son Andrew. The members of the Southside Batchelor Club had a meeting last week in honor of one

of their members, H. G. Wentz, who left for Findlay, O. The members present were: Rino Klein, J. C. Eicher, John Sims, Philip Graver, Will Young and Will Wentz. Miss Zug, daughter of Mr. Charles Zug, gave a card party last evening at her house on Fifth avenue, East End. About 30 persons were present and enjoyed the various games played. A luncheon was served during the evening, after which dancing became one of the amuse-

Misses Laura and Lizzie Ghriest of Chartiers street, Allegheny, entertained a number of their friends, Thursday evening, in honor of their guest, Miss Ella Tyson, of Erie, Pa. One of the features of the evening was a "soap bubble" contest, Miss Tyson and Mr. Seville winning the prizes.

A small party of friends were entertained handsomely on last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. C. C. Lean, on Ninth street. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenna, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Rogers, Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Avers. The piano and violin duets of Mr. W. P. Clinton and Mr. H. Clay Linn were quite a feature of the evening's Mr. William G. McKay entertained quite

number of his intimate friends at his residence No. 410 Rebecca street, Allegheny, on Thursday evening last. The occasion of the gathering was the celebration of the wooden wedding of Mr. McKay and his charming wife. A large number of unique and handsome presents were left by the assembled guests as souvenirs of the Misses Orcutt, Smith, Helsey, O'Neil and

Tonner gave a delightful reception at the Pittsburg Female College to the faculty and pupils, on Friday evening from 8 to 11. The young ladies who entertained won golden opinions, contributing an evening of erfect enjoyment. All the guests appeared in bright and gay attire, and were at their best for a pleasant evening. One of the pleasant events of the week was

the celebration by Mr. Arthur Wilkinson, Natchez street, Mt. Washington, of his tin wedding, on Tuesday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Balderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Naysmith, Miss Taylor Lee, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sharp, Messry, W. Rawson, Saunders, Gould, and Alf. Nayselfth. A very enjoyable surprise party was held on

Remecke, J. Hollor, W. Thompson, G. Brown, O. Herlep, W. Anderson and many others. After supper was served dancing and card playing were indulged in until a late hour. Miss Romayne McKown gave a very pleasant Miss Homayne McKown gave a very pleasant card party at her home, on Buena Vista street, I uesday evening. Very interesting games of whist were played till 11 o'clock, when an elegant supper was served and each guest received a hancsome souvenir. At 12 o'clock the rooms were cleared and dancing was indulged in. Among those present were: Misses A. Johnson, C. Russell, Boggs; Messrs. W. Godfrey, W. Graff, C. Thompson and Dr. Stockton.

What proved to be a very successful surprise party was given to Miss Zenie Edmonston at her home, Wednesday evening, by her lady friends. Among those present were: Misses Richey, Lue Adams, Emma Bowers, Emma Stoehr, Mollie McGraw, Kenie Straub, Sadie Herring; Messrs. Thomas Bleimming, Walter Stewart, Jackson Edmonston, Will Pasely, George Tate, John Sharp, David Adams, Char-lie Taylor, Joseph Divine, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bradgon and many others.

Mrs. James Sheeren, of South Fourteenth street, gave a very delightful reception and supper on Friday evening to the Buffalo Social in nonor of the President, Mrs. William Rol in nonor of the President, airs, william Rol-lins, of Buffalo, N. Y. Among those present were Minmes, Dunn, Hunzeker, Stoerr, Dutton, Stöchener, Jones, the Misses Stoerr and Hun-zeker, and Messrs, C. F. White and W. F. Dutton, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, of Chartiers; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. McKee and Thomas Armstrong, of Laurel, and many others.

The second temperance literary contest for the "Demorest silver medal," came off last Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Milly Tutell, on Buena Vista street. It proved will ylutel, on Baena visita street. It proved very creditable to the participants and their teacher. The jutges awarded the medal to Miss Ella Gauger. Honorable mention was made of Mr. Harry McKelvey. After a short speech from D. S. Thompson the guests were treated to zither, piano and vocal music. Thus passed another delightful and instructive

A most delightful surprise party was given on Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman, of Natrona, Pa. Among Mrs. W. H. Sherman, of Natrona, Pa. Among the many present were the Misses Euma and Ida Ritchie, of Pittsburg, A. A. Miller, Mary Poweil, Viola Potts, Nannie and Sadie Eslip, Blanche and Lizzie Otterman, Emma Bollinger, Mary Gnam, Ora Sufall and Mary Hahh, Messrs, R. J. Connell, Edward A. Vogeley, G. A. McWilliams, A. C. Adier, J. A. Walter, J. F. Kuntz, C. L. Spahr, R. A. Mitchell and C. C. Pfordt.

The surprise and birthday party in honor of Miss Tinnie Parrot, which took place Wednes-day evening, at the Northside Turner Hall, East street, Allegheny, was a grand success. The following were noticed among the guests: The following were noticed among the guests:
Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Philadeiphia;
Misses Neal, Milly Aumack, Lizzy Hack, Beringer, Rupp, T. Probst, M. Kramer, Katle Eberhart, Lena Schmittendell: Messrs. C. Mutzic,
M. Martin, J. Smith, Henry Hatmeyer, G.
Beckert, W. Buerkle, John Hock, J. Rippburger, Gus Flack, P. Kleinm. Theo. Fleck.
Henry Nill and Charles Scheible.

A number of young ladies spent a very pleasant evening on Thursday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Schoenfhal, Jackson street. Among the features of the evening was the comedy duet rendered by the Misses
Jennie Beatty and Flora Richardson, with Miss
Minule Durning accompanying on the plane.
The vocal solos sung by Miss Bell Pulvermacher and Mr. Morris Stern were very much
appreciated. Among the guests were Misses
Clara Seidel, Laura Schafer, Rebecca Martin, Annie Eleming. The lunchen served by Mrs. Schoenthal was enjoyed by all.

Miss Lizzie O'Neil, of North Hiland avenue was agreeably surprised by a number of her was agreeably surprised by a number of her friends Friday evening. At 9 o'clock the door bell rang, and, to Miss Lizzie's great surprise, the following were ushered in: Misses Rea, E. Reed, L. Reed, D. Schmidt, L. Anderson, G. Webb, A. Wilson and M. Weldon, and Messra, W. Rea, J. Wilson, F. Rea, T. Murray, J. D. Emmens, C. Jenks, J. Murray, D. Weldon, J. Barbour and many others. Music and dancing were the principal features of the evening's enjoyment and were indulged in till a late hour. The pearl wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Connelly was celebrated Tuesday evening at their residence, on Ridge street, Thirteen

bull black kid ploves are worn in first mourning; after that, gants de Suede or silk gloves in summer.

MOURNING IN AMERICA.

In America widows wear deep mourning for about two years. Others wear it for life. Children wear mourning a year for a parent; it is then lightened. Complimentary mourning is thack silk without crape; an absence of color. An American is always shocked at the lightened.

A pleasant surprise party was held at the There etiquette prescribes one year and six weeks for a husband—six months of deep evening. Among those present were: Misses

Annie Rawn, Jennie Herron, Ella Manalta, Misses Brucks. Misses McCain, Misses Boyd, Scott, Barndellar, Mattie Jacquway, Elliot, Hawthorn, Parsons, Mulholland: Messrs, S. A. and W. H. Till, Ed. Hageman, Potter, W. Alexander, Theo, Baster, James Hare, Alfred Wright, Hugh Parkhill, Sam Boyd, Alex. Hays, Charles Dillmuth, Steck, Kinkaid, J. Orr, James Mackie, C. Curby, John Miller, Will Devan and many others. Will Devan and many others,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Ray celebrated the fifth at niversary of their marriage Tuesday evening in the rooms of the Atlegheny College. One of the most delightful and well attended socials this season was the full-dress reception held at Prof. J. S. Christy's Dancing Academy, Thursday evening.

A delightful party was given by the Misse Mamie and Annie Sullivan, Tuesday evening at their residence on Penn avenue. Quite a number of their friends from both cities were Miss Annie Miller was agreeably surprised

Tuesday evening at her home on Church ave-nue by a number of her young friends calling to spend the evening, during which music and games were the smusements. The Martha Washington Social held a recep-tion at the residence of the Misses Gazzam on Federal street, Allegbeny, on Friday evening, February 1. Almost 30 couples passed the evening pleasantly in dancing and other social amusements. One feature was a mock mar-riage of George and Martha Washington.

At the home of Miss Nicholson, on Carnegie avenue, a very enjoyable surprise party was held on Thursday evening. Among those present were Misses Beringer, Diveney, Kirk, Sunderman, Nicholson, Weller and Baker, and Messrs. Charles Johnson, Thomas Campbell, Peter Sackner, Ed. Eller, Orrie Goodman, Will Goodman and Charles J. Lang.

The friends of Miss Phenie Ruck tendere her a surprise party at her residence, corner of Hazel and Tinsbury streets, Allegheny. Re-freshments were served at 10:30. Among those freshments were served at 19:30. Among those present were Misses Katte Carleton, Annie Carleton, Louisa Simon, May Boehring, Annie Carleton, Louisa Simon, May Boehring, Annie Easte, Emma Hefty, Sadle Donneley, Annie Welsh, Maggie Peeples, Belle Cook, Ella Meine, Mary Lizzle Buck, Messrs, John Hunt, John Carleton, John Nightingale, Will Peeples, George Peeples, Will Peters, Frank Simon, Tom McCullough, Harry Speidle, Tom Beck, Will Wigger, Louis Gross, Mr. add Mrs. Fred Hartung and others.

A most delightful reception was given by Miss Lizzie Smith, at her home on Resaca street, Allegheny, on Friday evening. Dan-cing, music and cards were the principal enjoyments of the evening, and at 12 o'clock an enjoyments of the evening, and at 12 o'clock an excellent supper was served. Among the many present were Misses Nellie Elliott, Bertha McKee, Gertrude Wallace, Lou Beaty, Emma McKee, Carrie Heasley, Simpson, Gregg, Clara Frazier, Bertha Sloan, Maggie Wallace, Anna Mackenzie, and Messrs. Scranton, Thompson, Robert Anderson, Curtis Gregg, 'Herron Smith, Robert Stewart, Will Adair, Will H. Till, Grant Anderson, Frank Mackenzie and Frank Murdock.

A nice surprise party was given to Miss A nice surprise party was given to Miss Annie Weenberg at her residence, on Elm street, on Thursday evening last. All kinds of games were played and there was also dancing. It was a children's party, and those present were from 12 to 15 years of age. On the committee were B. Frankfurther, B. Wartenburg and A. Welt. Those present were: Misses L. Roush, G. and I. Rhom, Maud Cramer and cousin, M. Cramer; Mary Denzin, H. Huish, M. Stilde, E. Dorse, M. Mariner, J. and M. Calhoun and Masters L. Friedeman, C. Wartenberg, F. and L. Lauffer, H. Sicks, C. Quige, James Bennett, J. Marshal, S. Friedeman and O. Denzin.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the evening party given by Messrs, William Hubner, George H.Best, Thomas Pfarr, August Keuhner and Robert Otto, at the residence of Mr. C. L. Smith, on Fifth avenue, Tuesday even-ing, January 29. A few of their many friends present were: Misses May Swift, Carrie Speck, Annie Steinbrick, Tillle Best, Annie Shoen Annie Steinbrick, Tille Best, Annie Snoen-berger, Tillie Cramer, Henrietta Smith, Mollie Horn, and Miss Reitta Duke, of Car-lisie: Messrs, John Haule, James Owston, George Campbell, Arthur Hammill, John Grabe, Charles Bright, John Hertel, Edward Gernet, Arthur McClelland, and others too umerous to mention. An agreeable time was sent by all in dancing till 2 A. M.

A pleasant event was a reception tendered by Miss Lulu M. Bryant at the residence of her father, Dr. S. H. Bryant. Music and dancing were indulged in until a late hour. The recita tions by Miss Minnie Swiers were very much tions by Mfss Minnie Swiers were very much enjoyed by all present, also the quartet songs by Messrs. Harry Gripp, Heil, Yeager and Davis. After this refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Ella Smith, of Steubenville, O.; Miss Carson, of Wheeling; Maggie Hoffman, Saidie Weyman, Mary Me-Mally, Edith and Minnie Swiers, Maggie and Annie McDowell, Annie Bryant and Lou Adams, Messrs. Andrew and Robert Buchanau, Samuel Sturm, Harry Gripp, Adam Heil, Mr. Yeager, Mr. Davis, Harry Bryant, Dr. Bryant and James Bryant. and James Bryant.

One of the enjoyable events of the week was the gathering at the residence of Mr. Charles Zimmerman, Chartiers township. The recep-tion was given in honor of class 18 of Main tion was given in honor of class 18 of Main Street M. E. Sunday school. During the evening a handsome silver-headed siik unbrella was presented to Mr. Zimmerman by Mr. George S. Phillips, in behalf of the class, after which the company was entertained by a fine guitar selection by Prof. Partridge, of Crafton, Pa. Among those present were Messra. W. M. Wood, William Richards, J. B. McGaw, H. Hershberger, B. C. Wettengel, I. Welker, Prof. Charles Henderson, George S. Phillips, Joe Henderson, C. Albreight, F. Beck, George Bollinger, John Mohler, J. and T. Thomas, W. Peacock, C. Shaum, James Gray, John McDavid, A. Lawrence, A. Fording, C. Irwin and many others.

A delightful birthday party was given at the esidence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shaner on Thursday evening, January 31, the occasion being the tenth birthday of their son, Andrew M. Shaner. Mr. and Mrs. Shaner were assisted in Shaner. Mr. and Mrs. Shaner were assisted in entertaining the little folks by Miss May Kober, Miss May Connelly, Mr. John Dimling and Mr. Ben Hessum. Among those present were: Misses Alice Kober, Mollie and Libbie Zollinger, Edna Thomson, Lillie Ebrenfield, Edna Dickey, Batchlor, Ida Sheaffer, Lucy Mierzira, Laura and Tillie Dimling, Georgia Smith, Tillie Utz, May Snyder, Birdie Heigenbaum and Annie Kelly, and Masters Andrew M. Shaner, E. Reed Shaner, Arthur Ehrenfield, Andrew and Russell Zollinger, George and Harry Dimling, George and Harry Dimling, George and Harry Dimling, George and Harry Dimling, George and Harry Dimling. Robert Carson, Willie and Alex Heck, George and Harry Delp.

The theatrical given by the Qui Vive Liter-

The theatrical given by the Qui Vive Literary Society last Thursday evening at the Conordia Club proved a great success. The cast was assumed as follows: Margery, Miss Blanche was assumed as follows: Margery, Miss Blanche Werthelmer; Lady Plato, Miss Eisle Morganstern: Lucy, Miss Stella Benswanger: Sir William Evergreen, Emanuel Grafner: Lord Plato, Sigmund Joseph; Captain Blenheim, Marcus Aaron; Tom, Theodore Kaufmann; Coustin Joe, Joseph Feldenheimer. The Margery of Miss Werthelmer was a very creditable performance, and the Sir William Evergreen of Emanuel Grafner and Cousin Joe of Jos. Feldenheimer were pieces of acting rarely given by amateurs. The young lady participants were recipients of magnificent floral tributes. The performance was under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Floersheim Rauh, to whom much credit is due. The society contemplates giving another in the near future.

Quite an event, in the way of private theatricals, took place at the Concordia Club's rooms last Thursday night, when "The Rough Diamand" was given before an appreciative mond" was given before an appreciative audience. While the piece was given under the direction of the club, the Qui Vive Literary Society undertook the cast of the play, which was as follows: The Misses Wertherner and Morgenstern as Margery and Lady Plato respectively; Sir William Evergreen, Mr. E. Grafuer: Captain Blenheim, Mareus Aaron; Lord Plato, Mr. Sig. Josephs; Cousin Joe, Mr. Joseph Feldenheim, all of which parts were exceedingly well portrayed. The affair was directed by Mrs. Enoch Rauh, nee Miss Bertha Floersheim, whose efforts were brilliantly redirected by Mrs. Eucch Rauh, nee Miss Bertha Floersheim, whose efforts were brilliantly rewarded. The music was furnished by Toerge, and not the least pleasing of the evening's occurrences was the initial farce, entitled "John Baldwin Buckstones." A supper was given by the club as a grand finale. Another play will shortly be produced by the club, probably entitled "The Loan of a Lover," and promises to be equally well rendered and received.

Mr. A. P. Burchfield, Superintendent of the Second U. P. Sabbath School, of Allegheny and Mrs. Burchfield, entertained the teachers' of that school at their home, on Robinson street, Allegheny, Friday evening. Each teacher was accompanied by husband, wife or other escort, and over 60 guests were present. Misses Emma and Henritta Burchfield assisted Misses Emma and Henritta Burchfield assisted in receiving and entertaining, and the even ing was one of continuous pleasure. Varied and appropriate games were followed by orchestral, vocal and instrumental music—Mr. Clemens with the cornet, Mr. Stewart with violin, Miss Smith with piano and Messra. White and Thompson in vocal solos. The entertainment was a complete success in all its details. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Crumhish, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. McNight, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. McNight, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. McNight, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Janet Mabon, Miss Margaret McClanainan, Miss Mary Lockhart, Miss Rebecca Emma and Janet Mabon, Miss Margaret McMillan, Miss Lawrence, Miss Mary Marshall, Miss Hodge, Miss Annie Frazier, Miss McAithur, Miss Lysle, Mr. Will Lawrence, Mr. Rev. Sloan, Mr. W. T. Tredway, Mr. C. Martin, Mr. Fife, Mr. White, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Mumford and Mr. Stewart.

Wedding Bells. The engagement of Miss Jennie Hellbronner

to Mr. Jacob Levinger is announced. The wed-ding will take place in a short time, and will be no insignificant social event. no insignificant social event.

Mr. G. W. Clay, of the East End, and Miss Mary L. Evans, of Forty-fifth street, were married on Thursday evening at the residence of the bride. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate family and a few friends witnessing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Clay left for an extended trip throughout the South. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents.

presents.

One of the pleasant weddings of the week was that of Mr. William Henry Allen and Miss was that of Mr. William Heary Alien and Mass
Helon Eby Myers, at the residence of the
bride's mother, Mrs. H. M. Myers. The groom
is the eldest son of Colonel Edward Jay Allen,
and the bride is a daughter of the late U. H.
Myers, of Harrisburg, Pa. The voung couple
will reside on Fifth avenue, pear Point Breeze.
They have announced their reception days on
the following Fridays: February 22, March 1
and 8.

Personal Gossip. Mr. A. Hyman and daughter Flora, of Bay City, Mich., are guests of Mr. H. Hyman, 200 Ferry street.

Ferry street.

Mrs. W. M. Talcott, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. S. Ewing, of Monterey street, Allegheny.

Mrs. Frederick Beuchler, of the Northside, returned from New York on last Friday evening after a two weeks' visit with her daughter. Miss Nettle Green, a prominent young lady of this city, arrived at Denver. Col., yesterday, where she expects to remain for several months. Mr. Thomas Reynolds, a well-known writer of the Western Reserve, and editor of the Akron Dutly Beacon, was in the city last week.

week.

Mrs. W. H. D. Totten, of Forty-third street
left for New York last week to visit her daughter, Miss Edith, who is attending school at
Mme. Von Tsube's. Mrs. John Ryan and Miss Phobe Sayles have returned to their home in Buffalo, after a pleasant visit to their cousin, Joseph Johnston, of the Southside. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stophenson, Miss Ella Stophenson and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McClure, of Allegheny, are spending a few days at Hygeia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va.

Mr. Adolph Chaudon, of McKeesport, accom-panied by his wife and her mother, Mrs. Hawkins, left last week for Newport News, Va., where the party will rusticate for the present.

present.

Messrs. B. F. Wilson, John O. Phillips, J. E.
Umbstaetter, T. J. Woods and Oliver O. Phillips returned from Stanton, Tenn., during the
week, where they were the guests of Mr. Chas.
Tucker, the celebrated dog breeder and trainer.
They enjoyed a week's quali shooting over such
famous dogs as Oliver Twist, Ruby's Girl, Diomede, Jacques, Fred W. and others equally
well known.

B. P. O. ELKS.

JAMESTOWN wants a Lodge of Elks, and also Reaver Falls, Pa. THERE has already been four boxes sold for the eleventh annual. WE expect to see Brother Galvin here from

St. Louis at the benefit. BROTHER ED. SWARTWOOD left on Friday evening for Hamilton, Ont. PITTSBURG LODGE has finally put its "add" into the social session.

BROTHER LEW MOORE, of New York Lodge

THERE will be a party of 15 here from Wheeling Lodge to attend the benefit. BUFFALO LODGE No. 23, is now revived and

s one of the best lodges in the country. You can count on Lexington, Ky., Lodge No. 89, being in force at the Pittsburg reunion. THE Benefit Committee met on last Thursday evening, with Brother Wallace in the BROTHERS POWERS and Horner, both of New Castle Lodge No. 69, were in the city last

BROTHER STUART, of the Two Johns Company, was in the city last week playing at the BROTHER JONES, who will be at the Academy with his show next week, will be with us

THE Benefit Committee should report at the theater at 12:50. Brother Swartwood will be in the box office. BROTHER CHARLES D. RELYEA, of Chicago Lodge No. 4, was in the city last week. He was entertained by members of No. 11. BROTHER LEMON, of Pittsburg Lodge No.

MEMBERS of Pittsburg Lodge No. 11 should remember that there are only a few days left for

selling tickets. They should try and boom it while the time lasts. BROTHERS EVANS and Heey, of the Parlor Match company, and Brother Jones, of the Si Perkins company, are expected to attend the THERE are a great many members of No. 11

who have not yet got any tickets for the bene-fit. They should remember that the Benefit Committee has all their names. BROTHER JUNE, of Indianapolis Lodge Nos 15, in advance of Brother Gus Williams, visited 15, in advance of Brother Gus Williams, visited the last communication, and made some re-marks for the good of the order. He said that Indianapolis Lodge would be well represented at the retunion.

Since the promulgation of the adoption of

the migratory amendment of the constitution, Exalted Grand Ruier Leach has determined to call the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge at Pittsburg in Jane during the time fixed for the annual reunion. This is a letter that Brother G. W. Lee, ecretary of Pittsburg Lodge No. 11, sent to the social session: "It has been some years since I had my phis' taken. My stock ran low, and entirely out. I am afraid that you will spoil your collection when you put Pittsburg No. 11's Secretary in: but you may take the chances, as I have warned you."

THE Chicago Herald of last Sunday contained the following: A communication from Rev. Dr. H. G. Perry (Episcopalian), one of the highest Masons in the United States and chaplain of a number of secret societies, vigorously replies to the priests in different parts of the country who, during the past few weeks, have denounced the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He declares that there is not one iota of inculcated ill or evil laid down in its written law or fundamental rules; that its piatform is charity, justice and brotherly love, and that it follows the blessed apostolic inand that it follows the blessed apostolic in-junction to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, to bind up the broken-hearted, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the friendless and dying, and bury the dead, with a tablet of loving memory over the grave. "Would to Go.l," concludes the eminent di-vine, "we had more true Catholicity and less bigotry."

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Fifth Avenue and Market Street. Special early spring opening. A most attractive display this week of

ine Anderson zephyr ginghams. New designs of domestic ginghams; many attractive styles equal to imported goods.

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Fancy flannels—
Our own importation of fine French and Scotch flannels, in stripes, figures and checks. Styles particularly adapted for gowns, blouse waists, skirting and shirting. A special bargain is our 35c and 50c qual-New and original designs in embroidered

flannels, from 65c per yard upward.

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A Steinway Plane for \$225. A Steinway piano, finished all around, of splendid tone, and rich rosewood case, for \$225; also an elegantly carved Hardman piano for \$200. Rare bargains at the music store of J. M. Hoffmann & Co., 537 Smithfield street. General agents for the celebrated Sohmer

THE Pittsburg Beef Company, agents for Switt's Chicago dressed beef, sold at whole-sale during the week ending February 2 150 carcasses of beef. Average weight 548 pounds, average price 5 54-100 cents per pound. GUIPURE Ince curtains, white and colored, stripes and small figures, reduced from \$10 to \$5 per pair.

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Cash paid for old gold and silver at Hauch's, No. 295 Fifth avenue. WFSQ



BIJOU TREATER.....Minule Palmer HARRIS' THEATER... "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" GRAND OPERA HOUSE "A Parlor Match"
HARRY WILLIAMS' ACADEMY SI Perkins
Casino Museum Curiostties, etc. The above are the theatrical attractions for

"Beyond the Grave" is the title of a drama written by John Franklin Clark, of New York. It has not been acted on any stage, and in this world it is not likely to be acted. Whether the spirits of whom the drama principally treats will take it in hand beyond the grave is doubtful also, for it strikes me that Mr. Clark reflects upon them in a manner decidedly libel-

"Beyond the Grave" is simply rubbish, but "Beyond the Grave" is simply rabbish, but as even an ash pile may contain some articles of value, it suggests a new field for melodramatic authors in search of the sensational. The greater part of the drama is laid in what the author calls the "irst supermundane sphere of earth," which is at least akin to commonly accepted ideas of the land of departed souls. In the Elysian fields Mr. Church introduces us to the ghosts of Edgar Allan Poe, Lenore, the angel bride of Poe, Asron Burr, Torguato Tasso, Sapphe (not Daudet's, by the way) and several others entirely plebeiau. It must be recorded that Edgar Allan Poe in the spirit land of "Beyond the Grave" seems to have retained the habit of writing alliterative jingles in the metre he preferred when on earth, but his verses are witless and distressingly stupid. Adron Burr, as a spirit, is pictured as a mild reformer with a mission, in striking contrast to the fiery unprincipled man America knew on earth. He goes about spirit land washing out spots in his brother ghosts' clothes. His success with the robe of Poe is really phenomenal, for finally all the spots on the poet's garment are washed away.

"Bevond the Grave" contains a low come-

"Beyond the Grave" contains a low comedian, a ghost named Jacob Holmes, but his humor, like that of so many of our poets and prose writers, consists entirely in talking in a villainous dialect. The villain is a human being not yet removed from the terrestrial scene of his crimes, and it is not easy to de-termine whether Blanche Lenoz, an inhabitant of this earth, or Poe's angel bride Lenore, is

of this earth, or Poe's angel Bride Lenore, is
the heroine.

Mr. Clark's drama is principally in a sort of
extra-blank verse, except when Poe throws in
a parody of his "Raven" or "The Bells," or
where the earthly characters drop into downright prose. But it is not on account of its
literary quality, or its ridicalous plot, that "Beyond the Grave" is worthy of the attention of
the manufacturers of tank and other sensational plays.

The idea of weaving in ghosts as principal
characters, and making spirit-rapping and

characters, and making spirit-rapping and table-moving the vehicles for the unwinding of the plot, is at least a novelty, and as such may be commended to the attention of dramatic carcommended to the penters and plumbers.

The latest diversion in farce comedy circles is afforded by the dispute which has arisen be-tween Frank Daniels, the creator of Old Sport in the "Rag Baby," and Charles H. Hoyt, the author of that play and a dozen like it. Daniels says Hoyt stole his ideas for "The Brass Monsays Hoyt stole his ideas for "The Brass Mon-key" from a piece owned by Daniels called "Little Puck." Hoyt has been sneering at Daniels lately, and it will now be in order for him to answer the actor's sorious charge, Ideas are generally so few and far between in Mr. Hoyt's plays that he cannot afford to have it said that even those that he supplies are stolen from such curious condensations as "Little Puck."

Puck."

The success of "Razzle Dazzle," a song used in "A Brass Monkey," has caused about dozen writers to claim the authorship. The public awaits a decision in this matter with the ut-"Fashions," a dramatic nothing by the author

This is clipped from the Dramatic Mirror:

Stephen Leach, the well-known manager, has completed arrangements by which he will star a society lady of Pittsburg, who has already attracted much attention through her wonderful histrionic powers, for the balance of this and next season. She will be supported by a first class company."

This is terrible news. Pittsburg society has been accused of many high crimes and misdomeanors, but nobody has been able to say until this day that she had produced that awful infliction, a society actress. It looks like an invention of the enemy.

There seems to be some ground for hope that there will be an alliance entered into by Joe Jefferson and W. J. Fiorence, with the splendid addition to the united forces of the great com-edians of Mrs. John Drew and John Gilbert. A letter from one of the parties to this coali-tion confirms the report, but no agreement has yet been signed.

A new novel by Mr. Gunter, author of "Mr. Barnes, of New York." will be issued in April. probably be asked at a later date to observe "The Frenchman" in dramatic form, it is not impertinent to be seech Mr. Gunter to get someone who can write English to revise his proof sheets. It is entitled "The Frenchman." As we shall That genial old moralist, Dion Boucicauit, in a speech on "The Influence of the Newspaper Press on Art," said that the critics were igno-

rant, mendacious and subject to counting room pressure, and that they perverted and degraded the public taste for good plays and worthy performances. He suggested no remedy for this dife condition of affairs.

Of course he suggested no remedy. There is no such condition of affairs as Boucleault asserts, and no remedy is needed. But Mr. Boucleault needs a little liver pill. That's all.

That most deserving charity, the Auti-Cruelty Society, will, it is to be hoped, receive a sub-

That most deserving charity, the Anti-Cruelty Society, will, it is to be hoped, receive a substantial benefit from a performance to be given shortly at the Grand Opera House. Yesterday arrangements were completed for the benefit by Mr. Frank Connelly, who is managing the affair. Murphy, the Irish character actor, will give a full performance and several novelties will be produced by local falent. The performance will take place at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday afternoon, March 6.

The Elks' benefit, at the Bijou, on Friday

The Elks' benefit, at the Bijou, on Friday afternoon next, ought to attract an immense audience, as it doubtless will. A list of the consolidated attractions is given elsewhere. HEPBURN JOHNS.

This Week's Attractions.

MINNIE PALMER, the same dainty, win-

some, bright and merry comedienne as of yore, returns to Pittsburg on Monday evening, and will occupy, with her company, the stage of the Bijou Theater for the entire week. Since her last appearance here, the lovable little artiste has made a most brilliant and successful tour of Great Britain and Ireland, where ful tour of Great Britain and Ireland, where once again she has conquered every audience before which she has appeared. It is not too much to say that no American comedienne has yet attained a social and artistic success across the water comparative to that achieved by Minnie Palmer. London and all the largest provincial cities of England, Scotland and Ireland seemed to vie one with the other in paying her every social and loving attention, and by public patronage made her professional course a triumphant one. The highest in the land did her personal honor, and she was always at her little leisure time thoguest of some personage of distinction and title. She returns the same modest, unaffected little lady, despite a 1 the most flattering atmosphere which surrounded her during her six months' stay abroad. In the five cities in which she has thus far appeared since her return—Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Toronto—she has met with even a greater cordiality of greeting. troit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Toronto—she has met with even a greater cordiality of greeting. She will be accompanied by a company of entire competency to fulfill its assignments, many of the east being well-known Loudon actors and actresses, brought by her manager to this country after their tour with Minnie through Great Britain. Minnie will appear in the dual role of boy and girl, in "My Brother's Sister." Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and as Timo (her original creation) in "My Sweetheart" the remainder of the week, including the only matinee, Saturday. An abundance of new sones, especially written for her or brought from abroad. Several new and witching dances and some superb new costumes, revelations of beauty, made by Worth, will be some of the adjuncts of the performances. Pittsburg is sure to be in the line of the large cities, which give dainty Minnie Palmera home-like, cordial and sincere welcome.

THERE is good reason for believing that Dore

Davidson's version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," to be seen at Hagris' Theater this week, will prove to be a notable dramatic contribu-tion. No less an authority than the New York Sun recently said: "Dore Davidson, it might as well be said at the start, made a memorable triumph before the night was over. From the hands of his audience came an indorsement that any star might be proud of under like circumstances. He had taken a weird and horrible fascinating tale, preserved the essence of its outlandishness, treated ft with full appreciation of all the stage unities, and introduced into the narrative a love sketch that was at once interesting, tender and patnetic. Mr. Davidson's new version of Stevenson's story is announced as his own work. It is disfinctly better than that played by Mansfield. Its story is more luciuly told; its climaxes are considerably more powerful; the element of suspense is successfully preserved to the finale. Davidson's comprehension of Stevenson's thought has been complete. He has clearly indicated that in Jekyll's interpolated love scene with Winfred, the schoolmaster's daughter. In all men there are two natures—the base ever striving with the good; the good occasionally the weaker. In the jugglery of his dramatization Mr. Davidson has been equally successful. He is no novice in the artifices of the darkened stage, the time light and the make-up lox. He has inost cunningly contrived the transitions of Jekyll to Hyde, and vice versa, and yet he has in no measure circapened or buriesqued his excellent art by theatric tricks." Sun recently said: "Dore Davidson, it might

THE event of the theatrical season is always THE event of the theatrical season is always the benefit held by the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The benefit of the Pittsburg Lodge, to be held at the Bijou next friday afternoon, will be no exception to the rule, but will exceed all previous occasions of the kind. The opening address will be made by W. C. Erskine, Esq., and all the attractions in the city will take part in the performance. Among the companies particip ting will be Minnie Palmer's, playing at the Bijou; Evans and Hoey, from the Opera House; "The Cold Dav" Company, which will stop over; "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," from Harris Theater; the company from Harry Williams' Academy, and the curiosities from the Casino Museum. The Great Western Band will also be present.

"St PERKINS" will be the attraction at the "SI PERKINS" will be the attraction at the

Academy of Music this week. It will be given by Frank Jones and his comedy company. The famous Pughtown Farmers' Band will be a feature of each performance, and the "Dance of the Deacons," the realism of the threshing machine, the Gipsy damp, etc., invest the play with an interest that cannot flag throughout the performance. By far the best and unquestionably the most successful of Charles H. Hoyt's farce comedies

successful of Charles H. Hoyt's farce comedies is "A Parlor Match," which will be presented at the Grand Opera House this week. Evans and Hoey, upon whom the largest part of the task of pleasing the audiences devolves, give a very amusing performance, and the remaining members of the company are said to be good.

"The Cold Day" company playing near town on Friday goes out of its way to play at the Elka' benefit. AT the Casino Museum this week there is an

s untrue. JOSEPH JEFFERSON went to his island home

entirt change of bill and many novelties are

near New Iberia, La., last week, to remain about three months. THE eldest son and one of the daughters of the late Madame Dolaro are playing with Mrs. Langtry, who has taken them under her R. E. GRAHAM has been engaged by Mana-

ger Willard Spenser to play General Knicker-bocker in "The Little Tycoon." Mr. Graham created that character. DUNLOP'S Stage News, a clever theatrical advertising sheet published in New York, publishes a very fair portrait of the great and only Willie Winter this week. "THE STILL ALARM." by the only Joseph Arthur, will reach the Bijou Theater next week. It is still playing to great business everywhere, and is none the worse for its voy-age to England and back.

HELEN DAUVRAY, who arrived from Europe on Tuesday, will play a spring season in "One of Our Girls" and "A Scrap of Paper," beginning at the end of February. She says that she has brought no new plays with her. MARION ELMORE is reported as having made the hit of her life as Chuckey, a London news-boy, in "The Stowaway," the new English melo-drama that is now touring the country, and which is announced for an early date in this

city. BROTHER LEMON, of Pittsourk Lodge Av.

It, visited Erie Lodge No. 67, last week, and said it was one of the finest lodge rooms he ever visited.

It is rumored that the negotiations which have been pending between an American manever visited. prima donna, who made a pronounced success abroad, will result in Miss Van Zandt's appear-

ance in this country next season. THE President-elect with his family, the new Governor of Indiana and his family, and the Mayor of Indianapolis and his family, visited the indianapolis Opera House on last Friday to see Minnie Palmer, thus giving M. P. the honor of appearing before the dignitaries the first of any actress since the election. "KID" McCoy, one of the two reformed bur-

glars who cracks a safe nightly in "The Stow-

away," has serious intentions of becoming a revivalist. He is a graduate, it is said, of the
University of Pennsylvania, and is a fluent and
graceful speaker. His old associate, Frank
James, has become a clerk in a clothing house.
At this rate penal insulutions will soon be
things of the past. SOL SMITH RUSSELL most have, been born under a happy conjunction of the planets. Ac-cording to a Western paper his little son Bob, while digging in the back yard of the family while digging in the back yard of the tamby residence at Minnespolis recently, developed a vein of coal. Mrs. Russell said nothing, her husband being away from home at the time, until she had, through an attorney, secured an option on all the real estate in the vicinity.

An important novelty at the approaching Paris Exhibition will be "Le Rossignol," farcial comedy in three acts by M. Eugen-Gugenheim, which will be played in English and in French at the same theater. The play will be given twice a day—matinee and evening, during June, July and August. French and English versions will alternate. The American right will not be sold until after the first week of the run.

THE well-known theatrical architects, Mc-Eifatrick & Sons, are in Washington looking after P. Harris' new theater, now being built in that city. They will go to Louisville shortly to arrange for the opening of Mr. Harris' the the intractive on the ground floor. Sam Fried-lander, agent for Mr. Harris, in speaking of the latter improvement, states that when the necessary changes are made. Mr. Harris will have three of the largest, handsomest and most successful first-class theaters in the coun-

EMMA ABBOTT played in Memphis, Tenn last week. On Sunday Montegriffo, tenor of her company, sang in a local church, the min-ister of which thanked him publicly for his services. A newspaper contrasted the clergy-man's conduct with the illiberality of Chandler, man's conduct with the little and the conduct with the little and the stage caused Miss Abbott to reply from her pew some time ago. This worked the dominies that sympathized with Chardler up to a high pitch of excitement. They heid a meeting, denounced Miss Abbott, and declared war. The result was a very large week's business.

H.G. FISKE writes in his paper: Five days before her death I met Madame Dolaro at the table of a friend. It was there that she told me the story of her recent struggles, the curious history of the MS. of her novel, and the other matters narrated in last week's Dramatic Mir ror. The extraordinary courage and cheerful ror. The extraordinary courage and cheerfulness of this brave woman impressed me deeply, while the shrunken form and white, pinched face, with its great, blazing eyes, denoted the extent of her sufferings and pitifully predicted that the end was not far distant. But I had no idea it would come within the week. Her last words, as I helped her on with her coat, still echo in my ears: "I may not live a week, I may live a month; but life is dear to me now as it is to you." "Poor Dolly!

I. K. ENNET is a rich man, and despite the

J. K. EMMET is a rich man, and despite the fact that he may occasionally play a one-night stand he knows how to enjoy life, and is a staunch adherent of the belief that while we staunch adherent of the belief that while we live we should live en regle. He carries with him an iron-clad contract, to be signed by the proprietors of the hotels at which he stops, stipulating that the finest suit of rooms and the most comfortable arrangements possible shall be made for himself, his wife, and his dog. Plinlimmon," the \$5,000 St. Bernard. Provision is made that "Plinlimmon" shall have efficient care and attention, and Mr. Enumet's motto is printed on the contract, so that the proprietor shall be sure to see it. This is the legend: "The best of everything is not too good." The question of terms for these sumptaods accommodations never enters into the arrangements.

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This is the season for Grand Army receptions and social gatherings

These receptions are made necessary to replenish treasuries which have been drained in burying deceased veterans, and caring for the widows and orphans of the men who protected the country and who died poor because they sacrificed their opportunities of business prosperity by going to war. These gatherings are being held on every side, and to the credit of a patriotic public they are all well patronized. Besides the worthy object in view, these ocday evening the members of Colonel W. H. Moody Circle No. 52, Ladies of the G. A. R., will give a music and song entertainment at Library-Hall, Grandview avenue, Mount Washington, which will be the event of the season on the Mount. The following programme will be carried out:

PART I. Opening address. By the President, Mrs. Mary Cargo
Plano divertissement. Miss Mainte Sawyer
Vocal solo. Miss Eva Sawhill Song Seth Coilins Instrumental Von d'Amor

Mandolin, Miss Sadie Gatcher; Bunjo guitar, Mis Maggie Gainher; Guitar, William Kane; Cello, Atbert Dichi, Violin solo Mrs. Jennie Hyser Beeltation Miss Lillian Burkhardt Interiude.

Fantasia—Melody of bugle calls, played on a trumpet of General Custer's Regiment, picked up on the field of the massacre by the performer, Charles William Miller, followed by operatic selections on the B flat cornet.

PART IL. Select reading:

Miss Josie Fritch, Stanley L. Neely Paner costume song and dance.

David and leaste Christy, pupils of Prof. Christy's Paneling Academy.

Instrumental, 'Schotlish Airs'

Dialect eccentricities.

Chas, V. Lewis, of the Volksblatt

Parallel bar exercises.

Members of the Central Turnveretn

Vocal solo.

Little Aunie Gainher

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Wocal solo Little Aunie Gainher Reading Miss Manie Sawyer blackballed at the Players' Club in New York

The report that Robert Ingersoll had been Reading Miss Manie Sawyer blackballed at the Players' Club in New York Doors open at 7 P.M.; performance at 7:30, sharp.

> 800 Silver Sonvenir Badges. Adjutant H. H. Davis, of Strong Vincent Post, No. 67, of Eric, writes as follows: "Say to the Pittsburg and Allegheny boys that we will give them a royal welcome when they come here in February to attend the Department Encampment. We have secured your little 'Comrade Phil,' Miss Lillian Burkhart, the elecutionist for the campfire. Post 67 will present to the delegates 890 silver souvenir badges. The Erie Board of Trade has given the Pennsylvania Northwestern Association, G. A. R., their beautiful rooms for headquarters during the encampment."
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> Lieutenant James F. Wittich, also of Post 67, and one of the large hearted Grand Army men of the department also writes that the entertainment of the visiting comrades will be on a grand and open scale. Captain J. C. Hilton, of the same post, says: "Be sure and come up, we are making arrangements for a big time." give them a royal welcome when they come

we are making arrangements for a big time. Liberality of Lawrenceville. The people of Lawrenceville have always had warm appreciation of the old soldiers who reside in that section, and for several weeks the youth and beauty, as well as the business the youth and beauty, as well as the business community, have been anticipating the grand opening of the fair to-morrow night, under the auspices of Post 41, at the new building specially erected for the purpose, on Fortieth street, below Butler. There will be choice music each evening, and a dancing pavillon has been erected. The ladies of Circle No. 21, Ladies of the G. A. R., have taken an active part in the enterprise and will savara no nains

to make every visitor happy. New features will be introduced daily. The object of the undertaking is to raise money for the relief fund of the Post which has in the past year had large demands upon it to relieve worthy cases needing prompt relief.

After Twenty-Seven Years. At a suggestive meeting of the Sixteenth One of the bravest soldiers during the late ward Republicans held last night the fol-War of the Rebellion was Comrade John Moffitt, now residing at 2248 Mary street, Southlowing persons were nominated for office: side, Pittsburg. He served during the war in the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. At the battle of Fair Oaks, young Moditt re-Select Council, Robert R. Warren; school At the battle of Fair Oaks, young Moffitt re-ceived a very painful wound by a buckshot en-tering his head near the left eye. Two weeks ago he was attacked with a severe pain in the head, which culminated in a bealing, the pain of which was most excruciating. When it broke on Thursday evening last the buckshot was discharged from his left ear after being located in his head for 27 years. Comrado Moffitt feels as if he had a new lease on life, and most heartily appreciates the many con-

and most heartily appreciates the many gratulations he receives daily. The Hill District Echoes. Colonel James H. Childs Post 230, G. A. R. will hold its grand annual reception at Penn Incline Resort of Friday night, February 8. The Committee on Arrangements are exerting their utmost endeavors to make this entertainment a success, and they will spare no pains in making it a pleasant and agreeable assemblage making it a pleasant and agreeable assemblage of "old soldiers of the Republic." Past Commander Harvey has culisted the whole weight of his energies in the project of a grand old-fashioned "bean-bake"—true to the sentiments of the genuine old soldiers, who have long since found out "That through life they should stick to their beans." Other refreshments will be served suitable to more delicate tastes. Soldiers and friends of soldiers should help to replenish the relief fund. This reception and occasion will be a memorable one for the hill district.

Grand Army Whisperings COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARNER and Governor Beaver will be present at the Department Encampment. Post 88, of Allegheny, will visit Post No. 151, Southside, in a body, at the regular meeting of 151 this week, CHATTANOOGA CIRCLE, Nevada City, Cal. has bought a burial plot for the use of the G. A. R. post in that city. on the skin, it will not deplete the blood, but enriches it while it purifies it. Dr. W. W. Colle, of Abe Patterson Post No.

88, of Allegheny, is a prominent candidate for pension examiner in Allegheny City. COMRADE WILLIAM T. POWELL, of Post 151, Southside, who has been sick for sometime, is again able to be out and attend to business. A CHAPLAIN in the army ranked as Captain, and the widows of Chaplains, if entitled to a pension, would receive \$20 per month each. J. H. CULVER, of Milford, Neb., is a candidate for Department Commander of that State. He is a good working member of the Grand

PAST ADJUTANT, Dr. D. S. Blackburn, of Post 41, is one of the best Grand Army workers in the city. If he goes to Erie his influence will be felt. PREPARATIONS are progressing very rapidly for the Twenty-third National Encampment to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., the last week in

pointee, has been honored by the appointment of William B. Keller as Assistant National In-spector General of the Pennsylvania Depart-ment. Post No. 30 of Johnstown, as well as the ap-Post 41, of Lawrenceville, has instructed its

delegates to the Department encampment, at Erie, to support Assistant Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart for Department Com-mander. PAST CONMANDER J. MILTON HAYS, of Post 3, recited "Emmet's Vindication" last night at the Cathedral fair. The reception and encore he received was worthy of a Booth or Barrett. ALL members of the Forty-first Ohio Regi

ment who have not received a roster of the regiment can be supplied by sending 10 cents to Comrade W. R. Smellie, Secretary, No. 323 Spring street, Cleveland, O. PREPARATIONS are being made for an addition to the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Mass., to accommodate 100 more men, making the total number \$50. The building will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

THE Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Connectiout will assemble at the rink, in West Winsted, on Friday, Feb-ruary 15, at 1 o'clock P. M. Department officers and staff will appear with side arms. COLONEL L. F. LYTTLE has been re-elected

President of the Board of Directors of the Toledo, O., Soldiers' Memorial Association The work of securing books and war relic will go on. Contributions solicited. COMRADE R. T. McCond, formerly a memb f Post 3, of this city, now of East Liverpool

O., and a member of General Lyon Post No. 44, was in the city last week. Mack has a best of friends who gave him a cordial welcome. Post 41, R. B. Elliott, Commander, starts out prosperously for the current year. The meet-ings are well attended and animated. One recruit has already been mustered, and three applications additional have been received. THE Department Encampment of New York

will be held at Binghamton, beginning at 10 A. M., Wednesday, February 20. Captain Harrison Clark, of Norwich, is a prominent candidate for the position of Department Com-COMRADE A. M. CARLINE, of Post 181, Brad-

dock. Pa. is announced as a candidate for representative to the Milwaukee encampment. Comrade Carline is a representative business man, just such a man as should be sent to the National encampment. COLONEL HUGH MORRISON, of Post 88,

THE firing on Fort Sumter is considered the first shot of the late war. The garrison was at the time under command of Major Anderson, and consisted of 7 officers, 2 non-commissioned staff, 17 non-commissioned officers and 73 en-listed men, of whom 8 were musicians.

In general orders No. 5, from National Head-

In general orders No. 5, from National Head-quarters, Commander-in-Chief Warner an-nonnees the appointment of the following aids-de-camp from the Pennsylvania Department; W. W. Brown, Bradford; George S. Shattuck, Meadville; Jacob Wagner, Watsontown; James B. Densworth, Williamsport; G. R. Baldwin and William Simmons, Philadelphia. A MARTHA WASHINGTON Tea Party and Social will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society No. 1, Davis Camp, Sons of Veterans, on Fri-

day evening, February 23, at Hamilton Music Hall. Tea from 6 to 10 P. M. The committee on invitations include the following ladies: Mrs. D. P. Davis, Mrs. W. L. Foulk, Mrs. George D. Gornly, Mrs. Gilbert D. Hays and Mrs. J. H. Seiferth, Sr. THE committee having in charge the trans-portation of the delegates to the Erie encampportation of the delegates to the Erie encamp-ment deserve special mention for their good judgment and the care and attention they are giving to the matter. These names are Cap-tain Thomas W. Baker, of Post 3; Colonel Thomas G. Sample, of Post 128, and John S. Nichol, of Post 162. Full information can be obtained of either of them.

MISS NELLIE STOWE PENTECOST, daughter Miss Nellie Stowe Pentecost, daughter of Major A. J. Pentecost, of Post 88, Allagheny, made quite a "hit" Monday evening last in her recital of "The Drummer Boy in Blue" at the concert for the benefit of the children of the Home of the Friendless. She is a pupil of Miss Rosslind Forster, teacher of elecution in the Allegheny High School. Miss Forster is the "adopted daughter" of Abe Patterson Post No. 88, of Allegheny City.

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THE installation of officers of A. M. Harper
Circle No. 4, ladies of the G. A. R., of Brad-Circle No. 4, ladies of the G. A. R., of Braddock, took place on Thursday evening. The officers installed were: President, Mrs. E. B. Soles; Senior Vice President, Mrs. A. Soles; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Gibson; Secretary, Mrs. List; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Dougiass; Chaplain, Mrs. Edmonds; Conductress, Mrs. M. J. Bennett; Guard, Mrs. M. A. Powell, Mrs. Lobingler was installing officer. THE fair of Post 128 at the Coliseum building.

Allegheny, has proven a phenomenal success, The proceeds will be added to its charity fund. This post deserves all the success and encour-This post deserves all the success and encourspement it is receiving, for it never quibbles
over a comrade or a soldier's family needing
relief. The fact alone is sufficient for it to act.
Under the commandership of Colonel Thomas
G. Sample this post will doubtless make a record the current year second to none in the
Pennsylvania Department. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF G. B. ABBOTT, of the Sons of Veterans, has issued an order that

all brothers shall drape their badges in mouning for a period of 60 days in the Division of ng for a period of 60 days in the Division of Pennsylvania, and that the altar, charter, fur-niture, side-arms, gavel, flags and banners of camps shall be draped in mourning for a like period as a mark of respect to Past Com-mander-in-Chief H. W. Arnold, recently de-ceased. Speer Orr Camp No. 14, of Johnstown, Pa., of which deceased was a member, shall re-main in mourning for 90 days. main in mourning for 90 days. BESIDE the almost unanimous indersement f the comrades and posts of Allegheny county, the posts throughout the western part of the State are joining in the indorsement of Com-rade H. H. Bengough for pension agent in this

rade H. H. Bengough for pension agent in this city when a change occurs in that position. These facts are very compilmentary to Comrade Bengough, and he sincerely merits such appreciation for his earnest and untiring labors in behalf of the interest of his comrades at large. Beside he possesses every requisite to fill the position to the satisfaction of the Government and old soldiers, and the widows and orphanal interested.

directors, three to elect, Andrew Hill, Charles Stewart, Henry M. Myers, George W. Diven and A. Mihistein, Julius Scoffler and W. A. Barr; ward assessors, Andrew Wilson; consta-ble, Samuel G. Bowden, Thomas Anderson and Frank McDrath. Political Blood Purifier.

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